



## Contest Area Safety

### Scope:

To support health and safety of personnel in or around the contest area.

### Legislative background:

*Section 10(b) Functions of the Commission*

*“To formulate or recommend standards, specifications, codes of conduct or other forms of guidance for the purpose of maintaining proper standards in combat sports.”*

### Application:

This policy applies to all contests pursuant to the *Combat Sports Act 1987* (the Act).

### Process:

#### 1.0 - Glass Ringside

1.1 - Glass is not permitted within two and a half metres (2.5m) of the apron. All beverages are to be served in plastic bottles / cups or aluminium cans.

1.2 - Trainers are permitted to carry glass vial(s) of Adrenaline as the likelihood of injury from a broken vial is minimal.

#### 2.0 - Exclusion Zone Barrier

2.1 - The use of a barrier (rope, stanchion or fence type) offers a visual barrier between authorised personnel and the public. The barrier also allows for safe access and egress around the contest area. Barriers must be set at 2.5m from the apron.

2.2 - Where a contest area is set up on a stage or platform, there will be no requirement for rope, stanchion or fence type barriers.

2.3 - Where the use of a barrier (rope, stanchion or fence type) does not allow for safe access and egress (traps the public into sections) then security personnel must be placed at each corner of the contest area.

#### 3.0 - Non Registered Personnel Ringside

3.1 - Promoters may have a nominal number of non registered personnel ringside who have a specific task to undertake ringside and who have been notified to the Commission in accordance with clause 3.3.

Promoters must also ensure that non registered personnel do not interfere with Commission Representatives, Officials or the Medical Practitioners ability to undertake their duties.

#### 3.2 - Non Registered Personnel include:

- AV Staff
- MC / Commentators
- Film crew (i.e. Fox Sports)
- Medical Practitioners assistant – must be qualified and over the age of 18 years
- Shadow Officials
- Maximum of 3 Photographers.
- Media



3.3 – At least five (5) days prior to the event, Promoters must notify the Commission of any non-registered personnel to be seated at ringside and the task each non registered personnel will undertake. Failure to notify the Commission in accordance with this section may mean that a person is asked to move outside the 2.5m exclusion zone.

3.4 - Where film crew(s) are required, Promoters must ensure that they have been adequately advised on where and when they are allowed within a contest area. Promoters must also ensure that provisions are made so that they do not block the vision of a Medical Practitioner or Officials.

3.5 - Promoters or security staff must take direction and act on requests from Commission Representatives if there is an issue with any of the non registered personnel.

3.6 - Seating for Commission Representatives, Officials and Medical Practitioner(s) takes precedence over non registered personnel.

#### 4.0 - Contest Area Layout

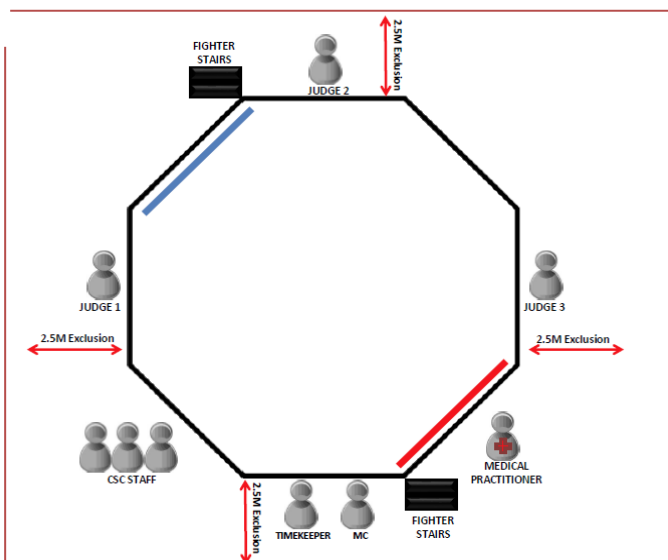
4.1 - Contest areas are to have appropriate seating for Commission Representatives, Medical Practitioner(s) and Officials. The Medical Practitioner must be seated next to the neutral corner/stairs.

4.2 – Promoters must supply a sufficient number of stools for the Trainer and their Seconds to be seated at ringside.

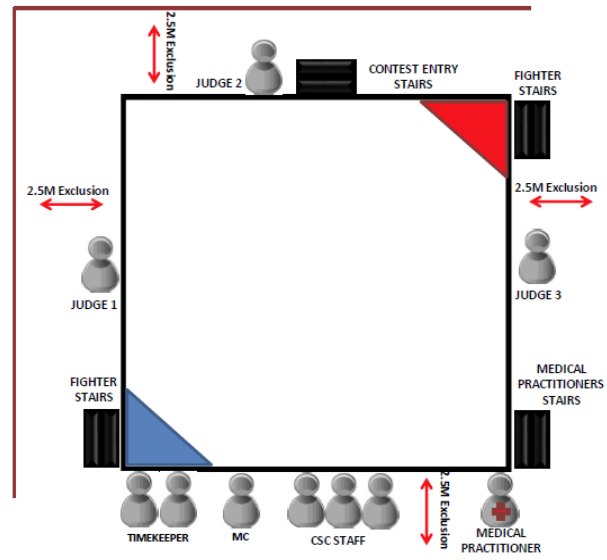
4.3 – Where a boxing ring or enclosure is placed against a stage, an exclusion zone of 2.5m must be placed between the apron and the first row of spectators.

#### 5.0 – Contest Area layouts

Enclosure



Boxing Ring



Additional Procedure Links:

Combat Sports Commission rules